

State of Tennessee

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

William R. Snodgrass - Tennessee Tower 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 11th Floor Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1102

October 10, 2014

Mr. Craig Mullinax, Water Division Manager

Cleveland Utilities

e-copy: cmullinax@clevelandutilities.com

Subject Public Notice, Draft NPDES Permit No. IWT000007

Cleveland Utilities

Bradley County, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Morgan:

The Division of Water Resources (division) is in receipt of the permit application dated October 8, 2014 in which your request a permit for the transfer up to 0.125 million gallons of water per day (MGD) from Lower Tennessee River basin, to the Conasauga River basin. We have completed our review and have determined this application is complete as submitted.

As a result of this determination, we have prepared an approved Public Notice which you will find enclosed. The applicant is responsible for distributing the public notice as follows.

- 1. Publish the notice of the permit application once a week for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in each potentially affected community in the river basin of origin. To document this, please provide us with a copy of the newspaper containing the notice for each of the four weeks.
- 2. Provide notice of the application to a responsible official within each potentially affected community and water user within the proposed basin of origin by certified mail, return receipt requested. To document the performance of this task, please provide to us a copy of the letter sent to each responsible official with a copy of the return receipt.
- 3. Post a minimum of three public notices in public buildings, e.g., courthouses, libraries, city halls, in each potentially affected community in the river basin of origin.

 To document the performance of this task, please provide to us a list where these notices were posted.

Please perform these tasks beginning as close to November 30, 2014, as possible, and provide the documentation to us by December 31, 2014. If you have questions, please contact the Knoxville Environmental Field Office at 1-888-891-TDEC; or, at this office, please contact Mr. Jim McAdoo at (615) 532-0684 or by Email at Jim.McAdoo@tn.gov.

Sincerely,

Vojin Janjić

Manager, Water-Based Systems

cc: Mr. Greg Clark, <u>gclark@clevelandutilities.com</u>
<u>Jennifer.Innes@tn.gov</u>, Chattanooga Environmental Field Office

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

LEGAL NOTICE

The following applicant has submitted a complete application for a permit in accordance with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Rule 0400-40-13

Cleveland Utilities PO Box 2730 Cleveland, TN 37320

Inter-basin Water Transfer, permit number IWT000007

Telephone number: 423-478-9390

The Tennessee Division of Water Resources proposes to issue a water quality NPDES permit to the following applicant who discharges to surface waters:

Proposed New Issuance

Applicant name Cleveland Utilities
Permit number IWT000007

Permit Writer Jim McAdoo

Discharger rating Minor County Bradley

EFO Name Chattanooga Environmental Field Office

Description of activity Inter-basin Water Transfer

Receiving stream interbasin transfer rate of 0.125 MGD from Lower Tennessee River Basin, to the

Conasauga River Basin.

The applicant has proposed to the division to pump up to 125,000 of gallons per day of water from the Lower Tennessee River Basin into the Conasauga River Basin.

Anyone wishing to comment on the conditions of the proposed permit should submit written comments to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Tennessee Division of Water Resources, William R. Snodgrass - Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 11th Floor, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1102. Attention: NPDES Comments. Comments should be received by *December 31, 2014* and should include the applicant's name and permit number.

Interested persons may request, in writing, a public hearing on any application. The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the filing party and reasons for the request. If there is significant interest, a hearing will be held pursuant to Division Rule 0400-40-5-.06(12), and the Director will make determinations regarding permit issuance. The application, draft permit, etc., are available for review and/or copying at the above address from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weekdays, except holidays. There is a nominal charge for copying, except single copies of permit applications, draft permits, and supporting rationale. Contact Mr. Jim McAdoo at (615) 532-0684 or by e-mail at Jim.McAdoo@tn.gov or write for more information at:

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